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A method of locating difficult access points The locating of difficult access points, on a topological map includes: of the zone overflown by an aircraft, plotted on the basis of a map of curvilinear distances taking account of the vertical flight profile of the aircraft, is effected by analyzing the map of curvilinear distances, by means of using a chamfer mask to catalogue cataloging the approximate values C(V) of the Euclidean distances separating a point  $C_{00}$  of the map from its nearest neighbors  $V_{1}$  so as to extract; determining therefrom, at each point C<sub>00</sub> of the map of curvilinear distances, the discrepancies  $|DT(V)-DT(0)| \cdot (DT(V)-DT(0))$  of curvilinear distances separating the point considered C<sub>00</sub> from its nearest neighbors V, compare; comparing these discrepancies (DT(V)-DT(0)) with the approximate values C(V); determining of the Euclidean distances of the chamfer mask and describe the point considered as a difficult of accessaccess point when a difference is notedbased upon a difference between the Euclidean distance and the determined discrepancies discrepancy of curvilinear distances; and rendering a display of a map indicating difficult to access points. This locating proves to be useful for signaling the reliefs that are not accessible by a shortest path but are accessible after detour.

## Clean version

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A method of locating difficult access points on a topological map includes: analyzing curvilinear distances using a chamfer mask to catalogue approximate values C(V) of the Euclidean distances separating a point  $C_{00}$  of the map from its nearest neighbors V; determining therefrom, at each point  $C_{00}$  of the map of curvilinear distances, the discrepancies |DT(V)-DT(0)| of curvilinear distances separating the point considered  $C_{00}$  from its nearest neighbors V; comparing these discrepancies with the approximate values C(V); determining the point as a difficult access point based upon a difference between the Euclidean distance and the determined discrepancies of curvilinear distances; and rendering a display of a map indicating difficult to access points.